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SUB: PAK- BANGLADESH DEBT DIVISION

1. NOTING THAT LAW MINISTER PERZADA HAS GONE TO BRUSSELS
AS QUOTE PRESIDENT' S SPECIAL ENVOY TO DISCUSS THE APPORTION-
MENT OF DEBT LIABILITY BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH
UNQUOTE, INDEPENDENT DAILY DAWN IN MAY 1 EDITORIAL DISCUSSES
AND SUPPORTS GOP POSITION. EDITORIAL QUOTES SEPARATE
STATEMENTS BY MINISTER OF LAW AND MINISTER OF FINANCE
THAT PAKISTAN QUOTE HAS A VERY GOOD MORAL AND LEGAL CASE
UNQUOTE, BUT EXTENDS ARGUMENT BEYOND ISSUE OF DIVISION
TO QUOTE READJUSTMENT, REALLOCATION AND RESCHEDULING
OF THE EXTERNAL DEBTS UNQUOTE.

2. EDITORIAL, AFTER NOTING TOKYO REPORT (REFTEL) THAT DONORS
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MIGHT SUSPEND AID QUOTE IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH ON HOW TO SHARE EXTERNAL DEBTS UNQUOTE, GOES ON TO CLAIM THAT HOLDING PAKISTAN RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTIRE DEBT WOULD ONLY HAVE QUOTE CREDIBILITY IF THE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS HAD REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE BANGLADESH AND HAD CONTINUED TO TREAT IT AS PART OF PAKISTAN UNQUOTE.

3. EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT SINCE PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH HAVE NO DIRECT COMMUNICATION, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ALLIED STATEMENT. THE

ALLIED EMISSARIES WOULD SEEK AGREEMENT ON AN AUTHORITATIVE WRITTEN VERSION OF THE TEXT, PRESS FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE STATEMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE PAPER AND INITIATE WORK ON AUTHORITATIVE TRANSLATIONS INTO THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS ARE LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. AS REGARDS THE CARRYING OVER INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS SUGGEST THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING OR A RAPPORTEUR MAKE A STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT WHICH WOULD BE RECORDED IN THE PROTOCOL OF THE MEETING.

4. ON THE QUESTION OF PUBLICITY, IT WAS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO PUBLISH THE PROCEDURES PAPER TOGETHER WITH THE ALLIED AND EASTERN STATEMENTS. FULL PUBLICITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE ALLIED VIEWS ON THE PAPER AND A BRIEFING ON THE ALLIED POSITION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE WESTERN PRESS BY THE ALLIED SPOKESMAN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING.

5. SEVERAL FURTHER QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN RELATION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION WHICH THE ALLIED EMISSARIES WOULD RAISE WITH THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES ON 28 APRIL. THEY WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE CHAIRMANSHIP BE ASSUMED BY THE FIRST COUNTRY IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, I. E. BELGIUM, BUT WOULD AGREE TO THE DRAWING OF LOTS IF THE SOVIETS INSISTED. THEY WOULD RAISE THE QUESTIONS OF TIMING OF THE FIRST PLENARY

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SESSION, OF AGREED OR PARALLEL STATEMENTS FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING AND FOR THE SUBSEQUENT COMMUNIQUE. THEY WOULD STRESS THE ALLIED PREFERENCE FOR AN AGENDA OF THE FIRST PLENARY TO BE LIMITED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE PROCEDURES PAPER INCLUDING THE STATEMENTS, AND WOULD DISCUSS WITH THE SOVIETS THE SCENARIO OF THE MEETING AND THE ROLE OF THE CHAIRMAN. THEY WOULD ALSO RAISE THE QUESTIONS OF PRESS POLICY AND CONTACTS WITH THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING.

6. THE GROUP WILL CONVENE ON 30 TH APRIL TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ALLIED EMISSARIES ON THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES.

7. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE CIRCULATED REVISED TEXTS OF THEIR PROPOSED OPENING STATEMENTS AT THE PLENARY SESSION AND THESE HAVE BEEN REVIEWED IN THE GROUP.

8. THE GROUP AGREED THAT IN VIEW OF THE UNAVAILABILITY OF THE HOFBURG THROUGHOUT MAY, PLENARY SESSIONS COULD BE HELD IN THE IAEA BUILDING DURING THAT MONTH. THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO AGREED TO THIS ARRANGEMENT.

9. THE GROUP HAS HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE JOINT ALLIED FACILITY FOR THE NEGOTIATING PHASE, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN VIENNA. IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE IN MOST ALLIED EMBASSIES AND OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE STORING OF HIGHLY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FINDING A BUILDING WHICH COULD PROVIDE OFFICES FOR DELEGATIONS, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR AN EXPERT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT TO COME TO VIENNA IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO ESTABLISH THE EXACT REQUIREMENTS OF DELEGATIONS, CONDUCT INFORMAL EXPLORATIONS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE BUILDINGS AND DISCUSS WITH THE GROUP THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED.
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